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In re Application of:

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For: **A METHOD OF CONFIGURING  
A SLICE OF PIZZA-TYPE PIE  
AND AN APPARATUS FOR  
PREPARING A PIZZA-TYPE  
PIE**

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) Examiner: Tran Lien, Thuy

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This paper is being submitted in response to an Office Action issued by the Examiner on January 29, 2004. Since this response is being filed within the three (3) month due date of April 29, 2004, Applicants do not believe that a fee is necessitated by filing this response. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the amendments and arguments presented herein.